

## **Finding Strength to Finish Strong** **Joshua 14:6-14**

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1. This morning, I want us to study one of the Bible's greatest finishers. He was a soldier who never quit. His name was Caleb.
2. Look at Caleb's words in Joshua 14:12: "Give me this hill country..." Those are not just "fightin' words" they are "faithful words," and "finishing words."  
The hill country was the most difficult terrain in the land - and it was inhabited by the fiercest of the enemy's warriors.
3. I want you to get a good sense of Caleb's attitude. This guy is 85 years old and he still wants to accomplish more.
4. Let me share with you four characteristics of our lives that need to be true if we're going to be a finisher like Caleb.
  - I. Have an Undivided Heart. Joshua 14:8, "My brothers who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt with fear. I, however, followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly."
    - A. There are two words in this passage that keep coming up.
    - B. Caleb's pursuit of God and accomplishing His Will had the same commitment.
      1. Philippians 3:13, 1:21
  - II. A Driving Intensity. Joshua 14:11, "I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then."
    - A. Caleb had a determination to keep on keeping on.
    - B. Never quit. Don't ever give up.
  - III. Keep God's Word in Your Heart. Joshua 14:12, "Now give me this hill country that the LORD promised me that day."
    - A. How do you develop a level of intensity and perseverance like Caleb?
    - B. Caleb knew God's Word well enough to apply it and put it to work in his life.
      1. "like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word."  
1 Peter 2:2
  - IV. Confidence. Joshua 14:12, "the Lord helping me, I will drive them out just as he said."
    - A. To be a finisher requires that we have Biblical confidence and optimism.
    - B. God never said life would be easy.

### Conclusion:

I want to ask this morning - Do you prefer to be a whiner or a winner? Are you going to be like Caleb and resolve that as long as God gives you breath and strength, you're going to use all that you have and all that you are to accomplish His will?